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Mr. Bill Fisch
Chair, Board of Health
York Region Health Services
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147
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Dear Mr. Fisch:

On May 28, 2003, Premier Eves announced that funding would be provided to strengthen the Ontario public health system's ability to track infectious diseases and respond to threats they pose. Further to the Premier's commitment, I am pleased to advise you that the York Region Health Services has been approved for an additional 100% grant of \$96,183.00 as an initial allocation for staffing to increase its ability to monitor and respond to infectious diseases, including surges in activity related to outbreaks of diseases. This is part of the provincial commitment to improve the capacity of all public health units in Ontario to monitor and control outbreaks of communicable diseases.

Administrative details, including conditions relating to this new funding, will be provided separately in a letter from Geoff Kettel, (A) Senior Manager, Corporate Liaison & Resource Service, Public Health Division.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my personal thanks, once again, for your assistance in responding to the significant public health issues we've faced together this year. The dedicated efforts of your board and staff are recognized and very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin O. D'Cunha".

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